

**Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Restoration Coordination Team**  
**Conference call 02-21-07, 3:00pm CST**

**Participants:**

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Doug Jacobsen (EPA)  
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Woody Woodrow (TPWD)  
Heidi Recksiek (NOAA)

**1.) MS/AL Workshop Logistics**

BR: Room reservations drop-dead deadline by the end of the week (officially Jan 26). Continental breakfast is at 7:30 for each day. Head count of 50 for first day and 40 for the other three days.

DL: What is the actual address of the Delta Resource Center?

DP: Sent in an e-mail of Feb. 1.

BR: I'll resend the address

**2.) Walk through the integrated agenda**

BR: AL & MS agendas fairly complete (run through each). Who will lead section on general implementation action review?

KB: Quenton will facilitate the whole meeting as in LA, Kris and Drew will work to keep the discussion on track and focused to address action items.

HR: Run through the R-2 action items, solicit new actions and updates, and discuss augmenting the team with some resiliency folks.

KB: I will see how Becky Allee responds about the 11-1 section- whether it will take the full 2 hours, what the specific agenda for the PHINS and GoMRC presentations

LP: There are some changes to the agenda. PHINS session has been removed since it will take place earlier, and there will be a facilitated discussion at 2:30 on the first day. We also want to talk about how to give the plan some legs and really make it work. Will send the revised agenda at the end of the conference call.

WW: Are we trying to pack too much into one week?

KB: Unless we here that it's too much from AL, MS, or the RSMMP team, I'm pretty comfortable with the agenda, though it is very full. The states will have full days for their presentations and discussions, rather than the half day that was allotted for LA, so hopefully much of the implementation action review discussion can be covered during the state-led discussions, and the half-day allotted for that session will be adequate.

LP: We are OK with the two half day sessions.

### **3.) Florida Workshop Update**

RR: In the Tampa Bay Area, close proximity to several restoration sites, off-season (room rates are good), weather will be good as long as there's no hurricane (August / September is the peak of Florida's hurricane season). Next week they'll start talking about prepping for the meeting. The role of science in restoration might be the focus of the workshop, since significant advances have been made through a 5-year Tampa Bay interdisciplinary study in restoration management.

### **4.) Texas Workshop Update**

WW: Combined workshop w/ Mexico. Isolated to the week of May 21-24 in Galveston. Initial discussions w/ Estuary Program beginning. Tom, Woody will get together to go through some of the logistics. Starting with a field trip on the first day to show state reps some of the other projects in Texas.

QD: Will be meeting soon with Mexican reps to flesh out their agenda.

KB: Will Education team meet on Thursday and Friday?

QD: I've backed off on that. Their meeting is a bit bigger than we could provide at that point.

### **5.) GMPO Gulf Alliance Project Updates**

WW: We are going ahead with the Freshwater Inflows conference. Paperwork should be in today. The meeting will be about a year away.

### **6.) Additional discussion**

KB: Report being pulled together for the Magnuson-Stevens Act. I have committed to pull together related Restoration Alliance activities. I will be sending it out today. I will need comments by next Wednesday.

**Meeting adjourned at ~ 4:15pm CST.**